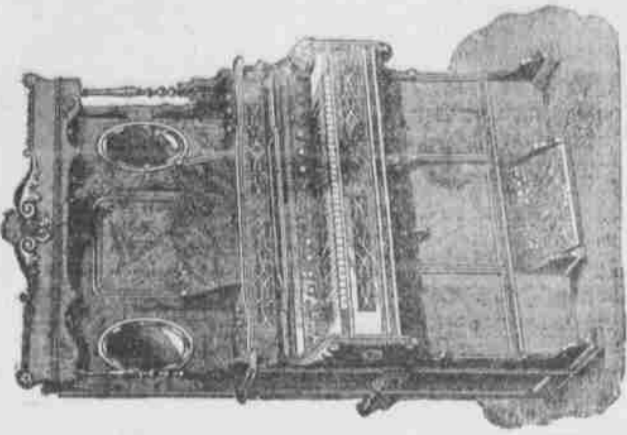


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At **KEITER'S**.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

It is Devoted Mainly to a Discussion of the Finances.

GREENBACKS SHOULD BE RETIRED

By the Issuance of United States Bonds at a Low Rate of Interest—Free Coinage of Silver Vigorously Denounced. Venezuela and Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The president's message was transmitted to congress yesterday. It is a document of nearly 15,000 words, and deals mainly with questions of finance. The message is in substance as follows:

Speaking of our relations with France, the president says they continue cordial, "with the exception that a full explanation of the treatment of John L. Walker by the expeditionary military authorities of France still remains to be given. It is confidently expected that some satisfactory solution of the matter will shortly be reached."

Regarding Great Britain's claims, the president says: "The understanding by which the United States was to pay, and Great Britain to receive, a lump sum of \$125,000 in full settlement of all British claims for damages arising from our seizure of British sealing vessels unauthorized under the award of the Paris tribunal of arbitration, was not confirmed by the last congress, which declined to make the necessary appropriation. I am still of the opinion that this arrangement was a judicious and advantageous one for the government, and I earnestly recommend that it be again considered and sanctioned. If, however, this does not meet with the favor of congress, it certainly will hardly dissent from arbitration as the only other alternative. A treaty of arbitration has therefore been agreed upon, and will be immediately laid before the senate, so that in one of the modes suggested a final settlement may be reached."

This government's part in the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela is touched upon as follows: "Last July a dispatch was addressed to our ambassador at London for communication to the British government, in which the attitude of the United States was fully and distinctly set forth. The general conclusions therein reached and formulated are in substance that the traditional and established policy of this government is firmly opposed to a forcible increase by any European power of its territorial possessions on this continent; that this policy is as well founded in principle as it is strongly supported by numerous precedents; that as a consequence the United States is bound to protest against the enlargement of the area of British Guiana in derogation of the rights and against the will of Venezuela; that, considering the disparity in strength of Great Britain and Venezuela, the territorial dispute between them can be reasonably settled only by friendly and impartial arbitration. The answer of the British government has not yet been received, but it is expected shortly."

If legislation can reach "the vicious padrone system" of controlling immigrants, the president says it should be attempted.

Concerning Cuba, the president says: "Whatever may be the traditional sympathy of our countrymen as individuals with a people who seem to be struggling for larger autonomy and greater freedom, deepened as such sympathy naturally must be in behalf of our neighbors, yet the plain duty of their government is to observe in good faith the recognized obligations of international relationship. Touching upon the troubles in Turkey, the message declares that no efforts have been spared in the behalf of Americans in the Ottoman empire, and their protection in person and property has been earnestly and vigorously enforced by every means in our power."

Reform in the consular service is reviewed and legislation is asked for providing for consular inspection, and the president also recommends that our representatives at foreign courts be provided by the government with official residences.

The Nation's Finances.

Turning from his review of our foreign relations, the president takes up the national financial situation. He says that the supplanting of the McKinley by the Wilson tariff and the repeal of the compulsory silver purchasing act, while important and beneficial, "fall far short of surting the monetary evils from which we suffer as a result of long indulgence in ill advised financial expedients."

The president then enters upon a lengthy review of the country's recent financial history, with particular attention to the difficulty that has been experienced in keeping the gold reserve above the danger mark. He says that "after increasing our interest bearing bonded indebtedness more than \$125,000,000 to save our gold reserve, we are nearly where we started, having now in such reserve \$79,225,994, as against \$65,488,877 in February, 1894, when the first bonds were issued."

The secretary of the treasury reports that "from Jan. 1, 1879, to July 14, 1890, a period of more than eleven years, only a little over \$28,000,000 was withdrawn, and that between July 14, 1890, the date of the passage of the law for an increased purchase of silver, and Dec. 1, 1894, or within less than five and a half years, there was withdrawn nearly \$775,000,000, making a total of more than \$800,000,000 drawn from the treasury in gold since Jan. 1, 1879, the date fixed in 1875 for the retirement of the United States notes."

"Nearly \$287,000,000 of gold thus withdrawn has been paid out on these United States notes, and yet every one of the \$245,000,000 is still uncalled and ready to service in future gold depletions. More than \$75,000,000 in gold has, since their creation in 1890, been paid out from the treasury upon the notes given on the purchase of silver by the government, and yet the whole, amounting to \$153,000,000, except a little more than \$15,000,000, which has been retired by exchanges for silver at the request of the holders, remains out-

Judge Lyon's Petition Presented.

The petition of Judge T. H. B. Lyon, contesting the election of P. M. Dunn, Esq., as Orphans' Court Judge, was presented yesterday to Attorney General McCormick, with the request that the latter notify the Governor to name the three Judges to try the case. The Attorney General took the papers, and fixed next Wednesday as the day on which to hear argument on the application. This action was somewhat of a surprise to the friends of the contestant, as it was generally thought the mere filing of the papers was all that was necessary.

Ill But Three Days.

William White, aged 25 years, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning at his home on West Huckleberry alley, of acute pneumonia. He was taken ill last Saturday night after returning home from his work. The deceased lived with his mother, Mrs. Sarah White, a widow, and was unmarried. The funeral will take place on Friday and the remains will be taken to Williamstown, Dauphin county, for interment.

The Helsenberger Place.

There has been considerable speculation as to the tenancy of the part in the new Helsenberger buildings on East Centre street that will be used as a saloon and restaurant. Councilman McElheny had the place before the fire and expected to occupy it after the rebuilding, but it is now stated that Joe Bickert will assume charge when the place is ready for occupancy.

At Revere's Cafe.

Price of pea soup for free lunch to-night, plenty for everybody.
Free hot lunch every morning.
Meals served at all hours.

Officers Elected.

At a regular meeting of Shenandoah Council No. 1577, Royal Arcanum, held last evening, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing term, viz: R. T. K. Edwards; V. R. E. K. Hamberger; O. F. E. Mangrove; Sec., Jos. Hinks; Coll., J. J. Price; C. M. Owens; G. T. J. Davies; W. E. C. Broder; S. T. J. Broughall; Trustee, J. S. Moore; Rep., T. R. Edwards.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.

Extra fine hot lunch will be served to-night.

Old Fashioned Gathering.

Mrs. Fairchild's home, corner of Oak and White streets, was the scene of a regular old-fashioned jollification last evening. The merry making continued until a late hour, when refreshments were served. The evening was enjoyed by a number of our prominent people.

The Simmons Funeral.

The funeral of Frederick Simmons took place this afternoon from the family residence, corner of Chestnut street and Huckleberry alley, and was attended by members of Henry Horncastle Camp No. 49, Sons of Veterans, and Washington Camp No. 183, P. O. S. of A. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Watson House Free Lunch.

Call's liver and potato salad to-night.
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Improvements at Park Place.

The operators of Park No. 2 colliery have decided to replace the old nest of boilers with those of the tubular pattern and two are now being put in place. The colliery was one of the places that suffered most from the drought, but now has an ample supply of water.

For your fashionable hats, MAX LEVIT.

Wooden Pipes to be Used.

Wooden pipes are to be used at the Cambridge colliery. It is claimed they are more durable and less expensive than the iron pipes. They have been in use for several months at some of the Packer collieries and give satisfaction.

Men's and Boy's Sweaters, MAX LEVIT.

Hand Holds on Cars.

It is now unlawful for railroad companies to use any cars, either freight or coal, not provided with grab irons or hand holds. The Reading company is equipping their cars with these devices, and will not accept cars from connecting lines not so equipped.

On a New Footing.

We are now in the field with a complete line of New Fall Shoes. At Womer's, the place to buy, to secure best shoe values. If

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Thomas J. Stanton and Mary Gaughan, of Shenandoah; James M. Boner, Gilberton, and Annie Whitley, Girardville; Paul Skyles and Mary Semivan, St. Clair.

An Important Meeting.

The regular meeting of W. Camp No. 206, P. O. S. of A., on Thursday, the 5th inst., in Schmidt's hall, will be an important one. Every member should be present, and take part in the proceedings. The question to be considered will affect each member. By order of

ABRAHAM YOST, Pres.
Attest:—C. T. STRAUSS, Sec'y. 12-3-95

Died of Paralysis.

Mrs. Susan Wagner, of West Coal street, died this morning of paralysis, from which she had suffered for the past 18 years.

Freezing Nuisance.

The annual nuisance of freezing water at the corner of Jardin and Oak streets is again in operation, evidently for the winter. This is a regular occurrence and seems to be too much for the authorities to overcome.

Titman Residence Sold.

C. E. Titman is preparing to move to Williamsport, having sold his house on West Cherry street to a party who seems desirous of having his connection with the matter withheld from publicity.

Satisfaction guaranteed by Bell, the plumber.

BOROUGH LOSES, AS USUAL.

An Award Given in the Case Brought by Stauffer.

THE AUTHORITIES ARE ACCUSED!

While the Claim is a Small One, the Principles Involved Will Lead to a Prolonged Litigation—Gonging Alleged by the Borough.

J. H. Filbert, Charles Graver and Col. J. S. Frick, arbitrators in the case of George H. Stauffer against the Borough of Shenandoah, yesterday made an award in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount claimed, \$75. H. B. Genoff and H. O. Beshel represented the plaintiff and Borough Solicitor Pomeroy appeared against the claim.

The amount involved in the case is so insignificant that the average citizen will no doubt conclude that the cheapest and best way out of the matter is for the borough to pay the claim, yet the circumstances of the case are such that the result has aroused ex-ammbers as well as the present members of Council, and there is no doubt that the claim will be fought through the courts.

From the point of view taken by the borough officials the case certainly justifies indignation. They claim that in 1901 they employed Stauffer to survey land required for the water works and for that he was paid \$15. Subsequently it became necessary to have drains surveyed and other work performed and Stauffer was employed at the rate of \$10 per day, receiving \$112, and \$10 at different times for the work and \$75 for making maps, etc. For three years after the latter sum was paid Stauffer made no claim against the borough. Meanwhile the joint committee on public water works settled all its accounts and went out of existence.

Last February a man named Boyer, residing at 875, made a claim upon the borough for \$75 for making the maps for which Stauffer had been paid the same amount, and Boyer was referred to Stauffer. Nothing more was heard of the matter until a few weeks ago, when Stauffer sued the borough for the \$75.

No party connected with a law suit ever went into court with more confidence than the borough representatives had when they went before the arbitrators yesterday. They were ready to show that Stauffer had been paid for all claims he presented; that he had been paid \$75 for making maps; that for three years he made no claim upon the borough, and also that the borough had never dealt with Boyer, directly or indirectly.

Ordinarily this would appear to be a strong case against the claim, but Stauffer, it appears, like Brete Harte's Chinese, had a little joker up his sleeve and told the arbitrators that it was true he had been paid for all the services he personally rendered the borough, but the joint committee had authorized him to employ assistance and that employment accounted for the B.-yer claim.

The claim was a surprise to the borough, and it was not prepared to meet it, but will now get together the members of the joint committee, it is said, and prove when the case comes up in court that no additional help was authorized.

The point in the case is, where will litigation with Stauffer end if his present claim is sustained? Boyer has stated that Stauffer did not make any maps, yet there were a number of maps made in addition to those covered by the \$75 claim, and what will prevent Stauffer from coming in later and claiming that the other maps were made by assistants who have not been paid. To put the defense briefly and pointedly, it is alleged that an attempt is being made to gouge the borough.

The Holiday Show is Ready.

Every day brings crowds to Wilkinson's. We are increasing business by our up-to-date methods. Goods must go and dollars must come, even if prices are clipped to a point where profit vanishes. The furs, cloaks and dress goods, share in the price reductions as well as the holiday stock. The changes we intend making in the spring make quick selling absolutely necessary. Buy your Christmas goods now—silk handkerchiefs, umbrellas, gloves, silk garters, pocket books, etc. L. J. WILKINSON.

Death of Mrs. Schimpf.

Mrs. George Schimpf, aged 72 years, died at her home in Pottsville yesterday, after an illness of about fifteen months. She leaves a husband and seven children to survive her, among the latter being George Schimpf, who at one time conducted a machine and boiler shop here. Funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Merits

of Columbia beer is not how little you get, but what you have gotten, how much of quality and how much of purity. The brewing of Columbia beer is far more expensive than other brands, which gives pleasure to the consumer and the satisfaction of knowing you have the highest product of the brewer's skill.

Colliery to be Abandoned.

The Beechwood colliery, operated by the P. & E. C. & I. Co., at Mt. Laffee, has been worked out and will be abandoned within the next six or eight weeks. This is the oldest colliery in the region and has been operated about 50 years.

Big bargains in woolen underwear. At MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

Cut the Lykens Vein.

The workmen at Bear Run colliery, St. Nicholas, operated by the P. & E. C. & I. Co. have struck the Lykens Valley vein in the second lift.

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116 and 118 North Main Street.

Some Pointers at our Counter this Week.

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For this week only, below par value.

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No. 559 Long Waist 90c
No. 358 High Bust 90c
No. 441 Long Waist 67c

LADIES' BLACK SEAMLESS HOSE with ribbed top, undoubted good article 12c

JAPANESE ART CRAPE 17c for Christmas fancy work

House Furnishing Goods.

DECORATED CHINA TOILET SET, beautiful designs \$1.98

GLASS SETS—Imitation Cut Glass with Tray 66c

GLASS BERRY OR CRYSTAL DISH—Imitation French Cut 12c

KNIVES and FORKS, Rosewood Handles, one dozen pieces 48c

SWINGING TOWEL RACKS, made to sell at 15 cents, with us 4c

GALVANIZED SOAP DISH to hang, with inside soap holder 7c

MAX SCHMIDT.

JR. O. U. A. M. ORPHANS' HOME.

A Noble National Institution to be Founded in Ohio.

The members of Major Jennings Council No. 367, Jr. O. U. A. M., have been notified that the committee representing the national council of the order has selected a beautiful farm located on the outskirts of Tiffin, Ohio, as the site for the Jr. O. U. A. M. Orphans' Home. The site has a magnificent location and is given to the order absolutely free. The donor is Young American Council No. 136, of Tiffin, and cost \$20,500, spot cash. The council making this magnificent donation is not yet five years old. Many individual members of the council have also pledged magnificent donations. One offers \$500 worth of brick free and the balance at actual cost. Another will supply all furniture needed during the first five years at factory prices, 25 per cent. off retail prices; another will deliver sand free; and another stone. As additional judgements the street car companies of Tiffin will carry the children of the home to and from the city to school and to church on Sundays until the school house to be located on the grounds can be erected, and the railroad company will run a siding to the home and deliver all freight at reduced rates. In addition to these donations and concessions the state council of Ohio has pledged \$15,500 to the home and the subordinate councils of the state have pledged \$2,819.50. The balance of the money required for the project is to be raised by contributions from councils in other states. The Daughters of America have also taken a hand in the project and will place a \$4,000 cottage on the grounds.

Society House.

Boston Baked Beans to-night.

Finest lobsters in town.

Chicken soup. Little neck clams.

Rappahannock oysters.

Sardines. Swiss cheese.

Fish cakes. Oysters in every style.

A Fraternal Visit.

Commander General Joseph A. Bair, of the Sons of America, paid an official visit to Garfield Commandery, at Mahanoy City, last evening. Members of the Port Carbon, Ashland and Shenandoah commanderies were represented, and an enjoyable time was spent.

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You All Want Fresh Eggs.

We sell no pickled or ice house eggs.

When we have them they are fresh.

We have some now.

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122 North Jardin St., Shenandoah.